THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Review of Madarsa syllabus

3060. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the revised the Madarsa syllabus scheme so as to bring in general development of the students besides religious teaching within the Madarsa syllabus; and

(b) if so, the decision so taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The Central Government is already implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Area Intensive and Madarsas Modernization Programme under which assistance is given to eligible Madarsas for teaching modern subjects like English, Hindi, Social Studies, Science and Mathematics etc. in case these institutions volunteer for the same.

UGC grants to universities and colleges

3061. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criterion for sanctioning grants to universities and colleges by the U.G..C;

(b) the total number of State universities and colleges in Rajasthan;

(c) the number of universities and colleges in Rajasthan which have received U.G.C. grants during the Tenth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) the number of colleges and universities which are not getting any grant from the University Grants Commission and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the U.G.C. provides financial assistance to eligible universities/colleges which are included under Section 2(f) and declared fit to receive Central assistance under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act. 1956 as per approved pattern of assistance under various schemes.

(b) According the information furnished by the UGC, there are 12 State Universities and 211 colleges in Rajasthan which have been included in the list of Universities/colleges maintained under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

(c) there are 6 State Universities and 5 Institutes Deemed to be Universities, and 172 colleges in Rajasthan which have received UGC grant during Tenth Five Year Plan (besides one State University received grant for colleges).

(d) These are 38 colleges and 7 State Universities and 3 Deemed Universities in the State of Rajasthan which are not getting grants from the UGC. These are not receiving UGC grants since these have not been declared fit to receive Central/UGC assistance under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

Intake for IGNOU B.Ed, course

3062. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that although the extant rules of the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) stipulate enrolment of total 2,000 students in the Bachelor in Education (B.Ed) course in its 97 centres in the country;

(b) the details of enrolment, year-wise, since 1997-98 till the last academic session in each centre, including fees collected per enrolment;

(c) whether any review of infrastructure especially of faculty strength existing in each centre has been carried out from time to time; and

(d) if so, the finding thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) As per the information furnished by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) its B.Ed. Programme was approved by NRC, NCTE *w.e.f.* 31.05.1999 under category Y *i.e.* permanent recognition. The norms laid down by the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) stipulated that the Study Centres should be established in NCTE approved colleges and each study centre can have a maximum intake of 100 candidates in one batch. IGNOU conforms to all conditions of for B.Ed (Open and Distance Learning System), the basic unit of B.Ed, through distance mode